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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7070

BILL NUMBER: HB 1893

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Release of Commuter District Documents.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a public agency that owns all or part of the capital stock or assets of a railroad that provides commuter transportation services to provide copies of public records by mail or facsimile to an entity that: (1) has entered into an agreement with the public agency for railroad trackage rights or any other purposes; and (2) pays the actual cost of the facsimile and mailing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The specific fiscal impact will depend upon the number of copies which must be made and the actual costs.

Background Information: This proposal involves the South Shore Freight Service and the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD). The latter operates the commuter rail system between Chicago, Illinois, and South Bend, Indiana. The South Shore Freight Service pays NICTD an annual rental fee to operate its freight service on NICTD's right-of-way, in addition to an annual maintenance fee. NICTD uses the revenue stream from the freight carrier and annual appropriations from federal and state sources to offset passenger losses and fund its capital improvement program. NICTD receives funds from the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF) and the Commuter Rail Service Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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